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FOR AMBASSADOR WEISS AND DCM RIDGWAY FROM JOHN NORTON  
MOORE.

USUN PLEASE PASS AMBASSADOR STEVENSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT; GROUP OF FIVE REACTION TO INCLUSION OF  
BAHAMAS IN ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE

1. MOORE RAISED INCLUSION OF BAHAMAS IN ARCHIPELAGO  
PRINCIPLE AT LONDON MEETING OF GROUP OF FIVE AND RE-  
QUESTED VIEW OF MEMBERS OF GROUP TO BE CONVEYED TO  
BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT.

2. MEMBERS OF GROUP OF FIVE AUTHORIZED MOORE TO CONVEY  
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TO BAHAMAS THEIR APPROVAL OF OUTLINES OF PROPOSED

AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING POINTS. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT MEMBERS OF GROUP APPROVE EXTENSION OF ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE TO BAHAMAS ONLY ON CONDITION THAT BAHAMAS AGREES AT EARLY DATE TO THREE PRINCIPLES OF OBJECTIVE DEFINITION OF ARCHIPELAGO, UNIMPEDED TRANSIT OF ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS, AND RECIPROCAL SUPPORT FOR UNIMPEDED TRANSIT OF STRAITS AND ONLY AS PART OF SUCCESSFUL, COMPREHENSIVE LOS TREATY.

3. USSR INDICATED THAT PROXIMITY OF CUBA REQUIRED CAREFUL POLITICAL STUDY OF PROPOSED INCLUSION OF BAHAMAS. SUBJECT TO WORKING OUT ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE INCLUDING FREE TRANSIT OF ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS, TRADITIONAL FISHING, AND NON-PREJUDICE TO BOUNDARY DELIMINATION, WITH CUBA, SOVIETS SEEMED TO HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH APPLICATION TO BAHAMAS. IT IS CLEAR THAT SOVIETS ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO BAHAMAS WORKING OUT ACCEPTABLE UNDERSTANDING WITH CUBA GUARANTEEING FREE TRANSIT THROUGH ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS ON MULTI-LATERAL BASIS. MOORE REASSURED SOVIETS THAT BAHAMIANS INDICATED THEY PLANNED CONSULTATIONS WITH CUBANS.

4. UK, FRANCE AND JAPAN INDICATED NO PROBLEM WITH EXTENSION TO BAHAMAS PROVIDED THREE CONDITIONS MET. UK CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER WITH BAHAMAS TO FIND DEFINITION WHICH WOULD BRING BAHAMAS WITHIN 9 TO 1 WATER TO LAND RATIO WITHOUT NECESSARILY USING THE ATOLL DEFINITION. UK, JAPAN AND FRANCE RAISED FURTHER DEFINITIONAL QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO ARCHIPELAGIC PRINCIPLE NOT OF RELEVANCE TO BAHAMAS INCLUSION AND REPEATED THEIR POINT THAT AS PART OF UNDERSTANDING ARCHIPELAGIC STATES SHOULD ALSO SUPPORT IN LOS NEGOTIATIONS 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE FOR ALL ISLANDS.

5. MOORE INDICATED TO GROUP OF FIVE THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH BAHAMIANS WERE PROMISING BUT DID NOT CONVEY MEMORANDUM OF MEETING OR BREACH CONFIDENCE OF BAHAMIAN-US DISCUSSIONS. IN PRIVATE MEETING MOORE ALSO URGED SOVIETS TO ENCOURAGE CUBANS TO SUPPORT

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PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH BAHAMAS SUBJECT TO BAHAMAS AGREEMENT TO THREE CONDITIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION MOORE PASSED ILLUSTRATIVE MAP GIVEN TO BAHAMAS TO SOVIETS.

6. FOR AMBASSADOR WEISS AND DCM RIDGWAY. PLEASE CONVEY POINTS CONTAINED PARAGRAPH 2-5 TO BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT OMITTING ANY MENTION OF CONFIDENTIAL

GROUP OF FIVE OR THAT INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM  
SINGLE MEETING OF GROUP IN LONDON.

7. FOR ESKIN D/LOS . PLEASE OBTAIN DEPT AUTH-  
ORIZATION FOR ABOVE ACTION AND INFORM NASSAU. ALSO  
REPEAT THE TWO CABLE REPORTING ON MOORE LOS MEETING  
WITH BAHAMAS LAST WEEK TO DCM SPIERS LONDON FOR HIS  
INFORMATION. SPIERS

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